

Since 2003, this annual contest has been shining the spotlight on **ICT CEOs** in recognition of their exemplary leadership and contributions to the visibility of the Quebec ICT industry.

Do you know a CEO who closed an extraordinary business deal? A CEO who made a significant achievement that was instrumental to his company's evolution? A CEO whose leadership ensured his company's growth?

Nominate him and he could be named the Investissement Québec CEO of the Year.

Eligibility criteria

- The nominee must be (now and during the project) the CEO of a Quebec-based ICT company;
- The project must be completed by December 31, 2011;
- The nominee must be a registered [CEO Vision 2010](#) participant (*N.B.: space being limited, we recommend early registration to comply with this criteria*);
- Completed nomination forms must be received **no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, January 10th, 2012.**

Format and schedule

- An independent panel comprised of ICT CEOs and representatives of the Quebec Technology Association and Investissement Québec will review the nominations.
- The panel will select three finalists to present their project at the « Investissement Québec CEO of the Year » event on February 23rd 2012 (they will be given a maximum of (5) five minutes for their presentations).
- All candidates will receive notification of finalist selections in early February.
- The winner will be designated by his peers by way of a secret ballot during the “Investissement Québec CEO of the Year” event.

Examples of eligible achievements or projects

- Transactions that impact the company's direction and growth.
- Management challenge.
- Strategic alliance, merger, or acquisition.
- Technological innovation.

Main Judging Criteria

- **The CEO's role and contribution to project completion.**
- The innovative, original, and unusual nature of the achievement that serves to illustrate the CEO's leadership.
- The benefits of the achievement for the company and the visibility of the Quebec industry.
- The importance of the achievement in relation to the challenges, the availability of human and financial resources, as well as the company's current state and size.

Award Visibility

- Press releases announcing the finalists and, subsequently, the winner.
- Ongoing visibility of the winner on the CEO Vision site.
- Presentation in the presence of peers – Thursday, February 23rd, 2012.
- Media Coverage by our media partner LesAffaires

How to submit a nomination?

- Please provide the following information:

1 – Nominee contact information (CEO and company)

Complete the form on the next page and attach it to your nomination package.

2 – Nomination package

Answer the six (6) questions on the next page. Formatting is left to the discretion of the candidates; **however, your package must not exceed 8 pages**. Pictures, graphics, and/or documents may be appended. Please note that all information required to understand your achievement must be included in the nomination package; consideration of your nomination will be based solely on this information.

Weighting

Nominations will be evaluated on the following criteria:

Criteria	Weighting
Role and involvement of the CEO	30%
Innovative nature of the achievement	20%
Benefits for the company and the visibility of the Quebec ICT industry	25%
Challenges met	25%

Submitting the nomination

- Please send your nomination package to the address below by mail, fax, or email no later than **5 p.m., January 10th, 2011**:

Quebec Technology Association
C/O Investissement Québec CEO of the Year Award
407 Saint-Laurent Boulevard, Suite 600
Montréal, Quebec, H2Y 2Y5
Email: info@ceovisionpdg.org
Fax: 514-874-1568

An acknowledgment will be emailed to you upon receipt of your nomination package.

Information

Valérie Danger
Quebec Technology Association
514-874-2667, extension 118
vdanger@aqt.ca

Nominee contact information (CEO and company)

Please place this page at the beginning of your nomination package.

Name:	
Title:	
Company:	Year established:
Email:	Telephone:

Company profile *(this information will remain confidential and will be destroyed after the contest)*

	2010	2011	2012 (proj.)
Company growth/Sales growth			
Growth in personnel			

Nominator *(contact information for the person completing this form if different from above)*

Name:	
Title:	
Company:	
Email:	Telephone:

IMPORTANT – Your company’s media engagements

Please confirm by signing below that you have read and will comply with the conditions and dates permitted to add if your CEO is a finalist, and later winning the award, according to the following release dates

- January 24 Confirmation of the selection committee’s choice of candidates.
- January 24-28 Video Interviews with three finalists - time tba. Please provide the availability of your CEO for 3 hours during the week
- February 9th Announcement of three finalists in Les Affaires newspapers and on the lesaffaires.com website
Press release of the AQT.
No ads within your company and the public are permitted before that date.
- February 23rd Announcement of CEO of the Year after a vote held at Investissement Québec Vision CEO.
No interviews with other media than Les Affaires are permitted before March 1st.
- March 3rd Newsstand distribution of the newspaper Les Affaires and special report on lesaffaires.com

Date to be determined: Presentation during an Executive 5@7 organised by AQT during the 2012-2013 calendar.

Name here

Sign here

Essay Questions

On a separate page or document, please provide the information requested below (*maximum of 8 pages excluding this page and attachments*):

- 1 – Biographical information on the CEO and company overview
- 2 – Detailed description of the achievement or project
- 3 – Role and involvement of the CEO
- 4 – Description of the innovative nature of the achievement (either in terms of technology or management)
- 5 – Benefits for the company and the visibility of the Quebec ICT industry
- 6 – Challenges met